

Remarks

A second, new final Office Action was mailed November 25, 2005 which rejected claims 31, 32, 35 and 42-44 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 6,437,947 to Uno ("Uno '947"). Dependent claim 33 was objected to, but otherwise indicated as allowable if rewritten into independent form. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges this indication of allowable subject matter.

The Applicant has elected to generally incorporate the subject matter of cancelled dependent claims 32 and 33 into independent claim 31, thereby placing independent claim 31 and the claims depending therefrom in immediate condition for allowance.

The Applicant has further presented new claims 52-56 for consideration and requests favorable action thereon. New independent claim 52 generally features the subject matter of allowed dependent claim 33 that is believed to be viewed by the Examiner as allowable over Uno '947. Uno '947 appears to disclose encroachment of the tracks from two radial directions, unlike encroachment from only a single radial direction as set forth by allowable claim 33. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable action upon independent claim 52 and the claims depending therefrom.

The Applicant further reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications to continue prosecution of the disclosed subject matter of the present application with the Examiner. In the meantime, issuance of the present case is respectfully solicited. The above amendments should have no prejudicial effects upon any subsequently filed claims.

This is intended to be a complete response to the second final Office Action mailed November 25, 2005. The Applicant accordingly requests reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims in the present application.

Should any questions arise concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the below signed Attorney.

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